

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's correspondence filed 12/1/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10,11 and 69-77.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____.</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.</li> </ol> |
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**VIJAY CHAWAN**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 10-11, 69-77 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant claims a method of presenting an interactive multimedia book on a computer system comprising the steps of recognizing a voiced word spoken by the user of the book as an active hyperlink, responding to a voiced word which is an active hyperlink by first storing a current page number in a last in, first out register before moving to a second page of the book which contains an anchor for the hyperlink, the current page being an origin page, and then moving to said second page of the book which contains the anchor for the hyperlink, recognizing a voiced command spoken by the user of the book to return to the origin page, responding to the voiced command to return to the origin page by moving back to the origin page, and deleting the origin page from the last in, first out register after moving back to the origin page. The cited prior art alone or in combination fails to fairly disclose or teach the claimed combination of features..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Whitham (6,526,351) teaches interactive multimedia tour guide.

Chen et al., (6,175,862) teach hot objects with sequenced links in web browsers.

Giangarra et al., (6,101,472) teach data processing system and method for navigating a network using a voice command.

MackKenty et al., (6,088,675) teach auditorially representing pages of SGML data.

MackKenty et al., (6,085,161) teach a system and method for auditorially representing pages of HTML data.

Allen et al., (6,026,410) teach information organization and collaboration tool for processing notes and action requests in computer systems.

Malik et al., (6,023,701) teach skeleton page retrieval mode for web navigation.

Rhie et al., (5,953,392) teach a method and apparatus for telephonically accessing and navigating the internet.

Huffman et al., (5,893,132) teach a method and system for encoding a book for reading using an electronic book.

Borman et al., (5,890,172) teach a method and apparatus for retrieving data from a network using location identifiers.

Brown et al., (5,890,123) teach a system and method for voice controlled video screen display.

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Bookman et al., (5,822,720) teach a system and method for linking streams of multimedia data for reference material for display.

Hemphill (5,774,628) teach a speaker-independent dynamic vocabulary and grammar in speech recognition.

Barrett et al., (5,727,129) teach a network system for profiling and actively facilitating user activities.

Huffman et al., (5,697,793) teach electronic book and method of displaying at least one reading metric therefor.

Herz (6,460,036) teaches a system and method for providing customized electronic newspapers and target advertisements.

Chai et al., (6,829,603) teaches system, method and program product for interactive natural dialog.

Goldenthal et al., (6,112,176) teach speech data collection over the world wide web.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vijay B. Chawan whose telephone number is (571) 272-7601. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Through Friday 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571) 272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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